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METALLIC LAYER COMPONENT FOR USE IN A DIRECT OXIDATION FUEL CELL

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November 22, 2002

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on November 12, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The identification of a species that is elected consonant with the restriction requirement dated October 11, 2002 is not shown. Applicant's arguments filed on November 12, 2002 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. All the individual species has its distinct feature/structure that is not possessed by other species as identified in the Office Action. For example, Species I requires both a metallic anodic diffusion layer and a metallic cathodic diffusion layer, which are not required by Species IV, V, VI, VII, VIII or IX. Species II requires a gas separator, which is not required by Species I, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII or IX. Species IX require means for distributing fuel to the anode, means for distributing oxygen to the cathode and means for coupling the anode to the cathode, which are not required by Species I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, or VIII. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**


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November 22, 2002


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